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Gaga responds to $30M lawsuit

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NDP wants voters more involved

POLITICS Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton hopes a motion that would make it harder to prorogue Parliament will help get more Canadians involved in the political process.

The NDP motion requiring the prime minister to seek the consent of the House of Commons to shut down Parliament for longer than seven days was passed last week. The motion is not binding on Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who has said that only a constitutional amendment could rein in the prime minister's prorogation power.

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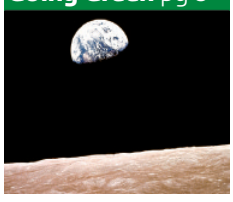

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Firefighters battle a fire at the Edmonton Auto Spring Works building on 102 Avenue and 95 Street yesterday afternoon. The building was destroyed by the fire and investigators are still trying to determine the cause of the blaze.

Blaze guts historic building

ANDREAS MORSE
for Metro Edmonton

FIRE Thick smoke and the smell of burned wood filled the air around 102 Avenue and 95 Street yesterday afternoon.

A large crowd gathered around the Edmonton Auto Spring Works building, founded in 1914, and watched the historic building being gutted by a fire.

"The building, by and large, has collapsed," said deputy chief of operations John Lamb about an hour after firefighters got the call.

More than 50 firefighters took a defensive approach to the fire because the roof collapsed and two walls failed early into the blaze.

"It's a shame to lose any building but in particular some of the landmarks are a big loss to the city," Lamb said. "At this point this building is pretty well a write off."

The building was originally a blacksmith business but has mostly been a mechanic shop for the near-century it's been around.

The city estimates the fire caused $2.5 million in damage.

Clean bill of health

U.S. Congress votes to pass landmark health-care overhaul

Barack Obama has achieved what's proven impossible for so many U.S. presidents before him — he's ensured millions of uninsured Americans will soon get health care following a monumental vote that will undoubtedly define his presidency.

Obama's $940-billion US legislation was finally passed by the House of Representatives last night after a divisive year-long national debate that continued to rage unabated outside the ornate Capitol building all weekend, where angry protesters assailed the bill as lawmakers prepared to vote.

"This is what change looks like," Obama said during White House remarks just before midnight yesterday.

"Tonight, when the pundits said it was no longer possible, we rose above the weight of our politics ... we proved we are still a people capable of doing big things."

The bill will provide millions of Americans with something Canadians have long taken for granted — health insurance, and the peace of mind that a life-threatening illness will not result in financial ruin.

The U.S. is the only country in the developed world that does not provide some form of government health insurance to its citizens, and an estimated 50 million Americans lack any coverage at all.

"In the end, what this day represents is another stone firmly laid in the foundation of the American dream," Obama said.

But to the bitter end, it was a powderkeg on the House floor as Republicans made a last-ditch effort to stop the bill in a moment of political drama that featured someone calling a congressional Democrat a "baby-killer."

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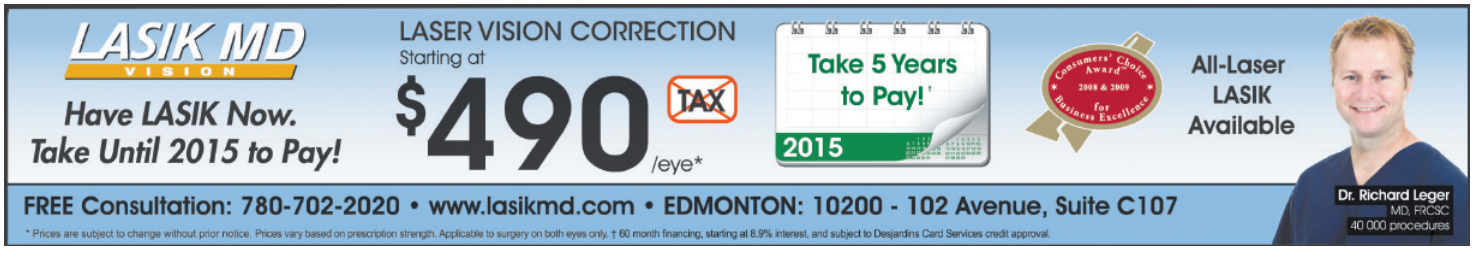
Ugly reaction

- The vitriol directed at some congressmen echoes the type of invective spewed by some protesters this weekend on Capitol Hill. Black legislators say they had racial epithets hurled at them as they entered the Capitol building, while Democrat congressman Barney Frank said he was called a homophobic slur.



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That's debatable

U of A hosts debate teams from across Canada

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for Metro Edmonton

If you were feeling a little mentally sluggish this weekend, a trip to the U of A to take in the debate tournament probably wouldn't have helped your state of mind.

Students from 25 universities across Canada came to Edmonton over the weekend to debate some of the world's pressing socio-political issues.

"The topics are all over the map," said Emily Cliff, a U of A student and director of judges and volunteers. "The government is allowed to choose whatever topic they like."

> **"Sometimes you get crazy topics like what should people do on Battlestar Galactica."**
> Emily Cliff, U of A student

Anything from international relations to economics to mortgages; it was all debated over the weekend.

"Sometimes you get crazy topics like what should people do on Battlestar Galactica," Cliff said.

The University of Alberta Debate Society hosted the 32 annual Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debate Championships, a three-day event that featured 84 teams and 250 students.

"That's impressive for an average university debate tournament," Cliff said. "But it's average for the nationals. It's the biggest every year."

Cliff said too many of the judges were from Alberta, so U of A debaters weren't allowed to compete because of the conflict of interest. Prizes were awarded to the top five speakers, all breaking teams, the top three public speakers, the top three novice speakers and the top novice team.

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JACKPOT One of two winning ticket's for Saturday's $41-million lottery jackpot was sold in the Edmonton area. Gaming officials say the other Lotto 6/49 ticket — also worth $20.6 million — was bought in London, Ont. Winners have a year to collect their prize.

PROTEST Hundreds of Edmonton residents rallied to protest the Alberta government's plans to cut funding to education and public services. They marched along Jasper Avenue to the legislature Saturday to show their displeasure with last month's budget. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Klein again handing out 'Ralph bucks'

TV It's unlikely that Ralph Klein's foray into the world of game shows will make Alex Trebek look over his shoulder.

The former Alberta premier's TV game show On the Clock aired Saturday night on Crossroads Television System across Alberta and Ontario on cable and nationwide via satellite.

Ralph Klein

It featured three Calgarians — Rob Breakenridge, host of a Calgary radio show; Licia Corbella, editorial page editor for the Calgary Herald; and Ric McIver, a Calgary alderman who wants to run for mayor.

The topics ranged from the benefits of global warming — panellists got 10 seconds for that, to 30 seconds to discuss whether Europe is losing its soul. Klein then awarded the panellists "Ralph bucks" for their answers.

CTS has committed to two episodes of On the Clock.

The second one will air at the same time next Saturday. The network will then evaluate the response before going any further.

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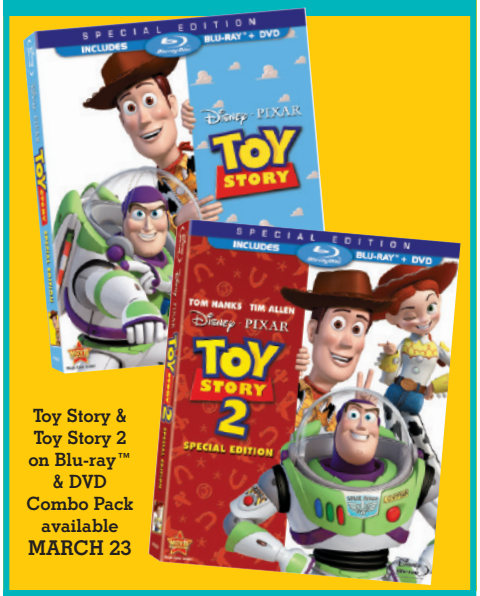

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Suspect in knife-point van hijacking arrested after crash

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Canada

Earth Hour plans?

This week, we'll share some tweets from Metro readers about their plans for Saturday night's Earth Hour.
@giddyupsales: "Earth hr: invite friends + kids for a candle lit dinner + walk in our neighbourhood ending up at the park to play in the dark."
Send yours to @metroedmonton.

UN to cut Kandahar staff

As NATO steps up, relief groups step away

Growing levels of violence in Kandahar, and the prospect of more to come with NATO's unfolding offensive in the area, has prompted the UN and other relief organizations to step out of the way.

The UN is in the process of cutting its foreign staff level in the southern city as part of a security review, said Susan Manuel, a spokeswoman for the UN mission in Kabul.

"There has been a temporary reduction," Manuel said. "We're trying to determine the profile of the staff, or who needs to be there doing what."

Scaling back

- Over 100 people work at the UN in Kandahar.
- Thirty-seven are foreigners, the rest are locals.
- Staff cuts will only affect foreigners.

Last week, NATO's top commander in Afghanistan, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, declared the operation to root out insurgents in Kandahar was underway.

But rather than opening with a D-Day-like assault as in Marjah, he said the offensive in Kandahar would be rolled out in stages.

Manuel said the UN security review is a response to the overall situation in Kandahar, which is the Taliban's spiritual home. A series of co-ordinated bombings in the city on March 13 and 14 left 35 people dead and scores wounded.

There are just over 100 staff working for the UN in the city, including 37 foreigners. The reduction affects international staff, not locals.

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News in brief

QUEBEC The Bloc Quebecois's hint at Nazi-era terminology to define its relationship with Canada ranks among the most absurd statements ever made by sovereigntists, says a senior federal cabinet minister. Senior members of the federal government excoriated Gilles Duceppe for describing Quebec sovereignty as a "resistance" movement, a term associated with the struggle to free Europe of Nazism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Two more killed on B.C. mountains

SKIERS A third deadly B.C. avalanche has killed two French skiers as they were coming down a mountain on Saturday after being dropped off by helicopter. The Valemount RCMP said a slide in Wells Gray provincial park near MacAndrew Lake buried three skiers, killing two men aged 65 and 19. They were found with the help of avalanche beacon locators, but were unconscious and couldn't be resuscitated. The third man was rescued without injuries. They were part of a group of 10 skiers.

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Panel to review detainee files

OTTAWA A special committee of senior parliamentarians has been set up to examine sensitive documents about Afghan detainees, which could help defuse a brewing political crisis over access to the information, intelligence experts say. The appointment of former Supreme Court judge Frank Iacobucci to review memos on the possible torture of prisoners in Afghanistan marks the third time the government has turned to an outsider to review a significant security-related matter.

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World

Don't judge, says Pope

German archbishop admits church coverups

Pope Benedict XVI has urged Catholics to refrain from judging sinners a day after he rebuked Irish bishops for their handling of a half-century of sexual abuse of minors by clergy.

While the Pope made no mention of the Vatican's widely criticized policy of cloaking abuse allegations in secrecy, a Swiss churchman called for the Holy See to start a registry of molester clergy to avoid more shuttling by bishops of pedophile priests from parish to parish.

The pontiff didn't mention his letter chastising Ireland's church hierarchy as he made his weekly appearance yesterday at St. Peter's Square. He cited the Gospel passage about Jesus inviting those without sin to cast the first stone toward an adulterer. Benedict told English-speaking pilgrims in the square, "Trusting in his great mercy toward us, we humbly beg his forgiveness for our own failings, and we ask for the strength to grow in his holiness."

In Germany, meanwhile, the news magazine Focus quoted the head of the German Bishops Conference yesterday as acknowledging that the Roman Catholic church consciously covered up cases of sexual abuse.

Archbishop Robert Zollitsch of Freiburg said that while most cases happened outside the church, "assaults that took place in such numbers within our institutions shame and frighten me." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Net threat to rare species: Officials

TRADE The Internet has emerged as one of the greatest threats to rare species, fuelling the illegal wildlife trade and making it easier to buy everything from live baby lions to wine made from tiger bones, conservationists and law enforcement officers said yesterday.

The web's impact was made clear at the meeting of the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Delegates voted overwhelmingly yesterday to ban the trade of the Kaiser's spotted newt, which the World Wildlife Fund says has been devastated by the Net trade.

A proposal from the United States and Sweden to regulate the trade in red and pink coral was defeated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India **Marrying en masse**

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Brides show henna art on their palms as other brides wait in the background before a Muslim mass marriage in Ahmadabad, India, yesterday. Two hundred and one couples were married during the ceremony organized by the Gujarat Sarvajanik Welfare Trust for economically challenged members of the community.

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TRAVEL British Airways cabin crews walked off the job for a second day yesterday, upsetting travel plans for scores of customers, but the airline said its contingency plans were working well and more planes were taking off than expected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Volcanic eruption leads to evacuation

ICELAND A volcano in southern Iceland has erupted for the first time in almost 200 years, raising concerns that it could trigger a larger and potentially more dangerous eruption at a volatile volcano nearby.

Scientists called the eruption mostly peaceful.

Nonetheless, officials sent phone messages to 450 people urging them to evacuate immediately. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Transportation *is* a system of tiers

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Brian Gould

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LRT park-and-ride pricing is back to council Wednesday, but this time the proposal is to reserve a fraction of the spaces for those willing to pay around $40 or $50 per month. The plan has already been recommended by council's Transportation and Public Works committee and, with any luck, the one-year pilot, including up to 18 per cent of the spaces, will start in 2011.

Even though most spaces will still be free, some councillors (namely Linda Sloan and Karen Leibovici) seem to have reservations that this will create a two-tiered transportation system.

Unfortunately, the phrase "invert the transportation hierarchy" is widely used in urban planning circles for a reason: Transportation is nothing if it isn't a system of tiers. Car drivers have the jump on transit riders and bicyclists. All three lord over the pedestrian, a mode so little regarded that its name is often used to mean "undistinguished" and "ordinary."

Within these broad tiers are finer gradations.

Near the top of the heap are drivers who don't pay to park. They don't pay because businesses and other parking providers have generously decided that those of us who don't use the parking should subsidize those who do — regardless of which group is responsible or has the means to pay.

Edmonton is, as absurd as it sounds, subsidizing people to not take the buses that often run around residential areas half-empty.

The city can't charge full costs while other parking goes free, but that still shouldn't stop it from addressing existing inequalities. Can't afford a car? Fare hike. Got a car and a monthly transit pass? Free parking. It's perverse and regressive to maintain this double standard.

Councillors are right to worry about discriminating based on income, but some of them are looking in the wrong place.

Brian Gould is a transportation planner and has served in a variety of roles with the Transit Riders' Union of Edmonton.

Views

You never know what you've got till it's gone

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Anne Hines

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Andres, Jim, Guiliano. Lately I've been seeing a lot of men. This can only mean one of two things — a) My 19-year-old daughter is home from university; b) I've entered the world of home renovations.

Yes, Liz and I are renovating. Every day our house is full of men. I never know when they'll show up. I never know what they'll want to do. It's like I'm running a brothel. Except that the length of time they spend is way longer and I have to pay them. So, really, it's like I'm running a bad brothel.

I now understand "worker speak." For instance, "I don't know why the last guy did it like that" means, "Whatever happens isn't my fault ... but if it works out, I'm a hero."

And I participate hourly in conversations like:

Me: We'd like the dishwasher over there.

Contractor: Oh, it can't go there.

Me: But there's one there now.

Contractor: I don't know why the last guy did it like that.

So what's the one thing we can do when life hands us a frustrating situation? Whine to anyone who will listen, of course. But, also, try to pass on what you've learned. Here's my renovating wisdom.

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Trust the adage, "You never know what you've got till it's gone." So far, for Liz and I, this has applied to running water and electricity.

Remember, renovations are like living. There's no such thing as a schedule. Kindness beats out yelling. And the point when everything is lying in a heap of rubble on the floor is also the point when rebuilding can begin. Whether it's a beautiful new kitchen, or a wonderful new life.

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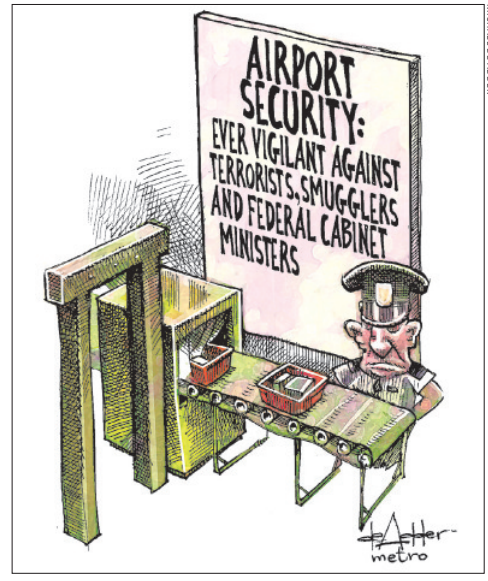

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This coming Saturday, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. local time, more than a billion people will be turning off their lights to help save the global environment.

Earth Hour — an annual awareness-raising event promoted in dozens of countries by the World Wildlife Fund — is becoming one of the biggest environmental movements in history, according to its Canadian project manager, the WWF's Tara Wood.

"What's really exciting about working on this project is that Canada usually comes out in the top three countries, worldwide," she enthuses. "For the past two years, more than half of all adult Canadians have participated in this event."

For 2010, more than 220 Canadian cities are actively promoting Earth Hour, encouraging citizens and local businesses to get involved.

Critics have charged the amount of energy saved in a single hour is negligible, and power use rises dramatically as soon as Earth Hour ends. Woods sees a larger purpose for this ever-expanding event.

"It's definitely not about the power we save in that hour," she says. "It's about making a strong, symbolic statement, and then taking that message to see what each of us can do – every day – to help live lighter on the planet."

A lightbulb here, a parked car there, times a billion people. For Woods, this is an ongoing project, rather than a single event.

"I think, overall, we hear about doom-and-gloom environmental issues, and wonder how one person can make a difference?" says Woods. "I might drive a hybrid and have all energy-efficient appliances, and look out the window and see my neighbour driving to work in his Hummer. But that's where the beauty of Earth Hour comes in. It's very positive, celebratory and inclusive. It's all about people making it their own."

And while the event has grown exponentially since debuting in Sydney, Australia just three years ago, Woods looks forward to a time when Earth Hour won't be anything special at all.

"I think the best-case scenario is we get to a point where we don't need events like this because everybody is so tuned in to what we can do every day to live a little bit lighter on the planet. But until we reach that point, I think it's important for people to celebrate events like Earth Hour, and encourage their friends to adopt greener behavior and be role models in their own lives."

More than 220 Canadian cities are participating in Earth Hour.

Earth Hour contest

- Submit an Earth Hour video or photo essay to wwf.ca, and you could win a trip to Churchill, Man., to see first-hand the effect of climate change. Contest closes Thursday.

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Barrick Gold expects $834M from IPO of African division

Toronto-based Barrick Gold Corp. expects that an initial public offering for a quarter stake in its African properties will reap $834 million US in cash for the world's biggest gold miner. Barrick will continue to hold about 303 million ordinary shares in African Barrick. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

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(Friday's close)	(Friday's close)	(Friday's close)	(Friday's close)

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Preparing for dollar parity

Winnipeg exporter's foresight paying off as loonie climbs

Parity preparations that began at Craig McIntosh's small Manitoba plastics business a decade ago have positioned the company to gain from a soaring loonie because it now buys more from the U.S. than it sells there.

The loonie closed at 98.39 cents US Friday afternoon after a week of anticipation.

At Winnipeg-based Acrylon Plastics Inc., where McIntosh is president and CEO, preparing for parity included upgrading equipment to increase productivity, cutting costs, revamping its market focus and changing the way it managed finances.

Since 2003, McIntosh has reversed an export-oriented business that shipped 70 per cent of its plastics to the U.S. and sold 30 per cent at home. Last year, the company sold 65 per cent of its products in Canada and shipped only 35 per cent south of the border.

"Now we're a net buyer from the U.S. as opposed to a net seller," McIntosh said.

Acrylon, which has five plants in the Prairies and 225 employees, produces plastic parts for four diverse markets — windows, farm machinery, buses and playground equipment.

The company has also reduced its exposure to currency fluctuations by simplifying its finances. Customers once paid Acrylon in U.S. funds, which it then converted into Canadian funds that it paid to suppliers, who were converting it back into American dollars.

Since 2004, the company has reduced the amount of business it conducts in U.S. funds from 70 per cent to 40 per cent. In doing so, it has created what economists call a natural hedge against currency fluctuations.

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The dollar's rise in 2007 caught many businesses by surprise.

Greek crisis hits Bay Street

MARKETS Stock markets were rattled last week by the Greek debt crisis and the threat it poses to European economic stability.

The crisis one cause of a tepid performance on the Toronto stock market last week, as commodity prices were lowered by a rising American dollar.

The main TSX index finished the week down 65.84 points.

Currency traders flew to the safety of the U.S. greenback late last week, worried that the Greek crisis would undermine Europe's monetary union and the euro itself.

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In brief

INSOLVENCY Nortel Networks Corp. says chief restructuring officer Pavi Binning will step down now that the $774-million US sale of its optical networking and ethernet businesses to Ciena Corp is complete.

FEES TMX Group Inc. says that, as of April 1, it will reduce its trading fees for securities trading at $1 or higher on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the TSX Venture Exchange.

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Johnson comes back at Bristol

Jimmie Johnson has won for the first time at Bristol Motor Speedway by driving from sixth to first in just three laps. He plowed through the field on a restart with 10 laps to go yesterday, giving him his third NASCAR victory this season and the 50th of his career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Nathan out for season

Minnesota Twins closer Joe Nathan will miss the entire 2010 season because of an elbow injury that will require surgery. Nathan, who leads the major leagues with 246 saves since 2004, made the decision after playing catch with Twins pitching coach Rick Anderson for 10 minutes yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oilers rout toothless Sharks

NHL RESULTS

Oilers 5 Sharks 1

Not even a game against the NHL's bottom feeders could keep the San Jose Sharks from continuing their tumble down the standings.

Devan Dubnyk made 27 saves to earn his second career NHL win in as many games as the last-place Edmonton Oilers skinned the Sharks 5-1 last night.

Ryane Clowe scored the lone goal for the Sharks (43-19-10) who have now gone 0-5-1 in their last six games and were passed on the night by the Phoenix Coyotes for top spot in the Pacific Division to drop to fourth overall in the Western Conference.

Robert Nilsson, Dustin Penner, Fernando Pisani, Shawn Horcoff and Aaron Johnson scored the goals for the Oilers (23-42-7), who have started playing the role of spoilers of late, winning their second in a row following a Friday victory over Detroit.

Dubnyk was also between the pipes for that one, earning the rookie goalie his first ever NHL win in 14 appearances this season, before nearly adding his first shutout as well Sunday.

"When it was 5-0, the thought started to creep in," Dubnyk said.

"I didn't get too excited about it. Maybe if I had 20 wins, I might have been a little more desperate to get my first shutout. I was just happy to get another win."

The Oilers are happy to throw a wrench into the plans of any playoff-bound team at the moment.

"This is as close to playoff hockey as we're going to get this year, playing teams that are battling for playoff spots," said Sam Gagner. "We want to treat these situations like playoff games for us, and in the future maybe pull from these experiences."

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Game notes

- With just 51 points going into the game, the Oilers have been on pace to record their worst-ever finish. As it stands, their worst season was 1992-93, when they went 26-50-8 for just 60 points.
- Oilers defenceman Theo Peckham could be out for the rest of the year after suffering a separated shoulder late in the third on a hit into the boards by Doug Murray.
- Edmonton's magic number to finish last in the NHL — a combination of their own losses and Toronto wins — is now five.

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Tiger: 'I'm the one who did it'

GOLF Tiger Woods acknowledged "living a lie," saying he alone was responsible for the sex scandal that caused his downfall and that no one in his inner circle was aware of his misdeeds.

"It was all me. I'm the one who did it. I'm the one who acted the way I acted. No one knew what was going on when it was going on," Woods told The Golf Channel in one of two interviews last night. A second one was aired on ESPN.

"I'm sure if more people would have known in my inner circle, they would have stopped it or tried to put a stop to it. But I kept it all to myself," he said.

Answering questions on camera for the first time since his early-morning car crash last November, Woods again provided few details about the crash, his marriage or much of his private life.

"A lot has transpired in my life. A lot of ugly things have happened. I've done some pretty bad things in my life," he told ESPN.

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Tiger Woods, right, speaks with ESPN's Tom Rinaldi near Woods' Florida home during an interview that aired last night.

Best-ever finish for Canada at Paralympics

VANCOUVER It was a golden finish to Canada's best Winter Paralympics ever.

Brian McKeever of Canmore, Alta., won his third gold medal of the Paralympics yesterday with a victory in the one-kilometre cross-country sprint for the visually impaired.

McKeever's win upped Canada's gold medal count to 10, the country's best at any Winter Paralympics.

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The previous high was the six won at the 2002 Salt Lake Games.

The overall medal count of 19 (10 gold, five silver and four bronze) is the country's best Winter Paralympic haul. Canada won 15 medals at a Paralympics twice, in 2002 and 1998.

Canada also achieved its goal of finishing in the top three countries in gold medals won. Germany topped the standings with 13 gold among its 24 medals. The Russian Federation was next with 12 gold and 38 medals.

Skier Lauren Woolstencroft was chosen as Canada's flag-bearer at last night's closing ceremonies.

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Mauer remains a Twin, for the low, low price of $184M

MLB Joe Mauer is staying home.

The AL MVP agreed to an eight-year, $184-million US contract extension with Minnesota yesterday that includes a full no-trade clause, a massive deal that shows the Twins are no longer a frugal small-market club.

The deal covers the 2011-2018 seasons and is the fourth largest in Major League history. The all-star catcher will make an average of $23 million per season.

Mauer, who has won three AL batting titles and is considered one of the best defensive catchers in the game, was entering the final year of his current contract.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Minnesota 4 Calgary 3
Atlanta 3 Philadelphia 1
Boston 2 N.Y. Rangers 1
Buffalo 5 Carolina 3
Florida 5 Tampa Bay 2
Nashville 3 St. Louis 2
Phoenix 3 Dallas 2 (SO)
Edmonton 5 San Jose 1
Anaheim 5 Colorado 2

NCAA

MEN'S BASKETBALL
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

West Virginia 68 Missouri 59
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Purdue 63 Texas A&M 61 (OT)
Ohio State 75 Georgia Tech 66
Michigan State 85 Maryland 83
Xavier 71 Pittsburgh 68
Duke 68 California 53

Quiz reveals how Millennial you are

The Pew Research Centre offers a 14 question quiz that tells you where you rank on the generational timeline, from the Silent Generation to the Millennial Generation. The higher a person's score on the quiz, the more the person relates to Millennials. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

McGill top Canadian university

McGill University has been named the top university in Canada in U.S. News & World Report's World's Best Universities rankings, published last month. McGill is also the top Canadian institution for life sciences and biomedicine. The University of Toronto is the highest-ranking Canadian university for arts and humanities, engineering and IT, and natural and physical sciences. The University of British Columbia places first among Canadian institutions for social sciences. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Suiting up the Flames

OddJobs

Diane Peters

Metronews.ca/oddjobs

Gus Thorson is an equipment manager with the NHL's Calgary Flames.

Like so many Canadian boys, Gus Thorson of Calgary grew up playing hockey.

He had no idea he'd make a career of it.

Thorson played goal and quit the game at 17 — he's now 50 — since he simply wasn't that good.

But his friends were, and they played on the University of Calgary team while he was studying physical education there. The team needed some trainers — people to care for equipment, do first aid and help out in the locker room— and they encouraged Thorson to volunteer.

Two years later, the Calgary Canucks of the Alberta Junior League had issues with one of their trainers while going into the playoffs and called on Thorson. He ended up staying for the entire next season too. And he realized that this was something he could do as a real job.

"The more I did it, the more I learned. The more I learned, the more I liked it. There's lots worse places you can spend your time than in a hockey rink."

After graduation, Thorson got a paid job in Victoria, then Moose Jaw. Back in Calgary, he began splitting his time between working with Canada's national hockey team and working in a sporting goods store where he became an equipment care and repair expert (his boss was a former shoemaker).

After five years, he got hired as the full-time equipment manager for the national team.

In 1999, the Calgary Flames called, and he's been there ever since.

Thorson works with four other trainers: They're all in by around 7 a.m. most mornings. If the players are to skate at 10:30 a.m., that gives them time to stock the bench with socks, jerseys, pads, tape and water bottles. Then there are skates to sharpen, sticks to organize and last-minute repairs to do.

Then, it's cleaning up after a practice. On game days, the locker room must be stocked by 4:30 p.m. Before a road trip, there's packing to do.

And while his wife and kids get to see the Flames whenever they like, they don't see much of him until summer.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job Title: Equipment manager
Salary: $70,000 to $150,000
Education/training: Knowledge of first aid, but mostly learned on the job
Best Part of the Job: "I meet so many good people."
Worst Part of the Job: "Being away from my wife and kids."

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No surgery for Heidi

Heidi Montag — who famously underwent 10 plastic surgery procedures in one day — won't be going under the knife anytime soon. She wants bigger breasts, but on The Tonight Show With Jay Leno said: "I legally can't right now. The limit is 800cc and I have 700cc." USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

Return of Rosie

Rosie O'Donnell is planning to develop a new talk show, according to the Hollywood Reporter. She is targeting fall 2011 for the debut — around the same time that Oprah Winfrey will take her final bow. PEOPLE.COM

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Smith estate loses fight over inheritance

Smith

PEOPLE A federal appeals court ruled Friday that Anna Nicole Smith's estate will get none of the more than $300 million US the late Playboy model claimed a Texas billionaire meant to leave her after he died.

The ruling came in a 15-year legal battle that started in a sleepy Houston probate court and stretched all the way to the U.S Supreme Court. It initially pitted Smith against the son of J. Howard Marshall over the $1.6 billion estate the oil tycoon left after his 1995 death at age 90.

Marshall's son E. Pierce Marshall died in 2006 and Smith perished after a drug overdose in 2008. Their heirs and lawyers kept up the legal fight that included one ruling awarding Smith $474 million.

Kent Richland, who represents the Smith estate, said he would appeal the latest ruling.

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The music video is reborn

The Internet allows artists to share content directly with fans

MuchMusic and MTV may have given up on the music video, making it an endangered species on television, but if Lady Gaga's new video is an accurate barometer of audience interest, the art form is here to stay, albeit on a new platform.

And the artists who never lost faith in the music video couldn't be happier.

Telephone, featuring Beyoncé, hit the Internet with a deafening blast of buzz and surges of traffic last Thursday and quickly amassed millions of views.

The clearly expensive nine-and-a-half minute video is reminiscent of Michael Jackson's Thriller in its epic scale and its slick production values and pops of eye candy have been compared to Quentin Tarantino's handiwork.

About a week later, the video has now been viewed well over 20 million times at YouTube and the music video website Vevo.

"A lot of people conflate the fact that videos disappeared from television as a fact that the audience didn't want them — and that's not the case," said Rio Caraeff, president of Vevo, which launched in December and is owned by Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and Abu Dhabi Media Company.

"The broadcasters on television made a decision to move away from videos because they wanted to get people to watch TV for longer periods of time, for their own business model.

"The appetite for the videos didn't go away, it's just been channelled to the web where people can watch whatever they want on demand."

Music videos are actually among the most viewed of all online videos, and according to traffic measurement firm Visible Measures, they're indisputably No. 1 when you factor in their influence.

The company's "true reach" stat counts a video's views on different sites across the web and also accounts for the hits generated by user-created fan videos, whether they be tributes or spoofs, said spokesman Matthew Fiorentino.

When factoring in fan engagement, the most viewed and most influential online video in the history of the Internet is surprising — it's the music video Crank That by Soulja Boy.

The song was a No. 1 hit on Billboard for several weeks in 2007 and inspired a dance craze but a relative few would peg it as the biggest video ever to go online.

"The brilliant thing about the video is there's a dance in the video and it takes you through how to actually do the dance," said Fiorentino.

"What we found is videos — and not just for music videos, for ads and other types of content as well — when they directly interact with audiences and put a challenge out there to get them to upload their own content or comment on it, it just keeps the activity going.

> **"A lot of people conflate the fact that videos disappeared from television as a fact that the audience didn't want them — and that's not the case."** Rio Caraeff

"The song is catchy but then there's also this interactive aspect to it that helps."

Of the Top 10 most-viewed online videos ever — as compiled by Visible Measures — six are music videos, including Beyoncé's Single Ladies at No. 2, Michael Jackson's Thriller at No. 3, Mariah Carey's Touch My Body at No. 6, Apologize by Timbaland featuring One Republic at No. 8, and Lady Gaga's Poker Face at No. 9.

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Octohomeless?
Nadya Suleman may be the latest victim of foreclosure. According to TMZ, the infamous Octomom is now at risk of being thrown out of her Southern California home after falling behind on her mortgage payments — a $450,000 US balloon payment was due this month. **POPEATER.COM**

A family who works together

Will and Jada Pinkett Smith's family is getting crowded with action heroes now that their 12-year-old son, Jaden, is beating up on bad guys.

Jaden Smith stars in the title role of The Karate Kid, a remake of the 1984 hit in which he plays an American youth in China who gets a crash course in martial arts from a maintenance man (Jackie Chan) so he can defend himself against a band of bullies.

The movie, due in theatres June 11, screened Wednesday for theatre owners attending their annual ShoWest convention, where Smith received an award as breakthrough male star of the year.

AP PHOTO/MATT SAYLES

Actor Jaden Smith, winner of the ShoWest 2010 Breakthrough Male Star of the Year award for his work in The Karate Kid, poses for photographers in Las Vegas on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

"I'm very excited about getting awards already," Smith said in an interview. "It's crazy."

Smith said his father, whose action flicks include Hancock, I Am Legend, and Independence Day, was a fan of the original Karate Kid and thought Jaden, who already had studied karate, would be the right guy for the role.

> **"My dad had the idea of remaking it. He's the one who was like, 'We need to make this movie.'"**
> Jaden Smith

"My dad had the idea of remaking it," Jaden Smith said. "He's the one who was like, 'We need to make this movie.'"

Will and Jada Pinkett Smith were producers on The Karate Kid, along with Jerry Weintraub, who produced the original and its sequels.

"It's very scary when you go back and fiddle around with a classic," Will Smith told the ShoWest audience before the screening.

The quiet, reclusive Mr. Han (Chan) saves Dre from a beating at the hands of a gang of young kung fu hotshots. Han turns out to be a kung fu wizard himself and agrees to train the boy for a tournament showdown with his tormentors.

What kung fu advice did martial-arts master Chan have for his young co-star?

"Stay fast," Smith said. "And stay focused."

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Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Hollywood.com:

1. **Alice in Wonderland:** $34.5 million US
2. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid:** $21.8 million
3. **The Bounty Hunter:** $21 million
4. **Repo Men:** $6.8 million
5. **She's Out of My League:** $6 million
6. **Green Zone:** $5.96 million
7. **Shutter Island:** $4 million
8. **Avatar:** $4 million
9. **Our Family Wedding:** $3.8 million
10. **Remember Me:** $3.3 million

Johnny Depp stars as the Mad Hatter in Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland.

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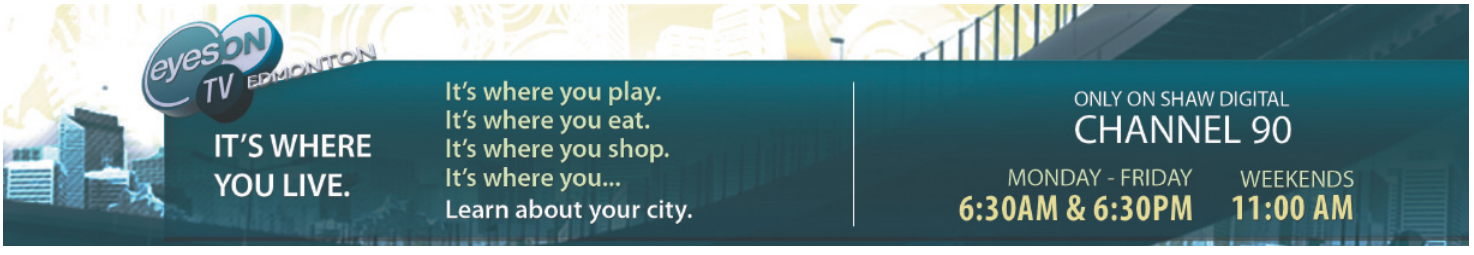
	47	SPEED	417	406	Racing Chef	NASCAR	NASCAR	What's Deal?	Car Crazy	NASCAR Hub	Fast Track to Fame (HDTV)		Racing Chef
	94	SCORE	410	403	(7:15) WWE Monday Night RAW With Michael Cole and Jerry Lawler.					WWE Vintage Collection		WWE Monday Night RAW	
family	9	EDACC	267	351	Alberta Primetime (Live)		(8:02) Castle (N)		Dancing With the Stars The contestants perform.				Primetime
	14	YTV	552	543	iCarly	To Be Indie	iCarly	Scorpion	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	Things I Hate	Family Biz
	17	TREE	553	546	Franklin	Bucket-Dinos	Little Bear	Toopy & Binoo	Max & Ruby	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Go, Diego, Go!
	42	TOON	555	545	Jimmy Two	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad
	45	FAM	557	541	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Sonny Chance	Suite Life	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School
cable variety	-	TVA	121	714	TVA nouvelles	Le Cercle (SC)	Rachid	Mtl	Yamaska (HDTV) (N) (SC)		Toute la verite "Imprévu" (SC)		TVA nouvelles
	18	CMT	575	583	According-Jim	According-Jim	*Moonstruck* ★★★ (1987, Romance-Comedy) Cher, Nicolas Cage.					*Moonstruck* ★★★ (1987)	
	25	A&E	615	520	Hoarders "Judi and Gail"		Hoarders (HDTV)		Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	(10:01) Hoarders		Hoarders
	26	MMM	571	581	mmtop10.ca		Behind the Music T.I.		G. Simmons	Wild 'n Out	Behind the Music T.I.		G. Simmons
	29	FOOD	603	561	Kitchen Nightmares		Pitchin' In	Glutton	Restaurant Makeover		Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Nightmares
	31	SHOW	617	522	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter		*Cleaverville* (2007, Suspense) Ever Carradine.				Bones
	32	DISC	520	505	Dirty Jobs (N)		Motor City Motors (N)		Daily Planet		MythBusters		Motor City
	33	SLICE	601	562	Trading Spouses		Love Inc.	Love Inc.	ET Canada	Whatever	Real Housewives of New York		Housewives
	34	W	602	567	House-Sell	House-Sell	Supernanny		How Clean Is	Clean	Love It or List It		Love It-List It
	35	TLC	521	560	Ultimate Cake Off (N)		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Ultimate Cake Off		Ultimate Cake Off		Cake Boss
	36	BRAVO	620	523	Johnny Cash Live In Montreux			Garrett Mason	Law & Order "Barter"		Without a Trace		J. Cash
	38	SPIKE	628	584	TNA Wrestling (HDTV) (Live)				World's Fastest Police Chases		(10:08) DEA "Deep Cover"		CSI: Crime Scn
	39	AMC	-	-	*Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life*			(8:45) *Enter the Dragon* ★★★ (1973, Adventure) Bruce Lee, Jim Kelly.					*Kelly's Heroes*
	40	HIST	522	506	Lost Worlds "The Seven Wonders" Seven Wonders.				Greatest Tank Battles		Lost Worlds (HDTV) Seven Wonders.		
	41	COM	626	547	Just for Laughs		Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	John Oliver
	43	SPACE	627	528	Battlestar Galactica "Razor"				Stormworld	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Next Generation	
	44	WPCH	294	650	Monica: Still	Monica: Still	Seinfeld	Name Is Earl	Law & Order: Special Victims		*Paycheck* ★★ (2003, Science Fiction)		
	46	OLN	411	457	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Ghost Hunters International		Destination Truth		Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Ghost Hunters
	48	TROP	619	525	Carlawood	Prod. Parker	Re-Vamped		Wipeout (N)		Wipeout (N)		Parking Wars
	50	STAR	621	527	The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ	etalk	Access H.	Extra	Dr. Oz Show
	52	HGTV	600	564	Home to Flip	Marriage	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes on Homes		Home to Flip	Bang, Buck	For Rent
	65	TLN	700	800	Carabinieri		George Lopez	George Lopez	Lopez Tonight		Raymond	Raymond	Paid Program
	92	APTN	269	350	Metcom	La Voix Mechif	New Canoe	Storytellers	*Distant Drumming: A North of 60 Mystery* (2005, Mystery)				Cashing In (N)
	93	VISION	261	394	Archaeologist	Archaeologist	Naked	Naked	Archaeologist	Archaeologist	Archaeologist	Archaeologist	Naked
	100	MTV	581	566	Spring Break Challenges		My Life as Liz	Super Sweet	MTV Live	Sex, News-Roll	Spring Break Challenges		My Life as Liz
	101	MM	570	580	Degrassi: TNG	Degrassi: TNG	Springbreak.10 Wild in Cancun.		UR11		Secret Life of American Teen		America's Best
	102	CPAC	512	396	(6:30) Primetime Politics			Revue	Question Period		Prime.-Politics	Primetime Politics	
	103	VIVA	526	507	The Closer (Part 1 of 2)		Cold Case		Mediums	Ghostly Enc.	Judging Amy		Missing
	106	RDI	126	730	Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal (SC)		24 Heures en 60 minutes		Le Téléjournal
	161	SUPER			Sons of Anarchy (HDTV)		Southland		Apparitions (HDTV)		Sons of Anarchy (HDTV)		Southland

critics' corner

Dancing With the Stars
Host Tom Bergeron and judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli and Carrie Ann Inaba return as 11 new teams trip (sometimes literally) the light fantastic. Among the stars: astronaut Buzz Aldrin; actresses Pamela Anderson, Shannen Doherty and Niecy Nash; sports reporter Erin Andrews; Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek; reality star Kate Gosselin; former TV "Bachelor" Jake Pavelka; and soap actor Aiden Turner ("All My Children"). 9 PM on KXLY, EDACCESS

18 to Life
Life is uncertain; eat dessert first. In this new episode, Tom and Jessie (Michael Seater, Stacey Farber) are having trouble deciding what to serve when their parents come over for dinner. That's assuming the folks make it; they're trapped in Phil's (Alain Goulem) garage. The bad news: There's tension in the air. The good news: There's also a supply of hash brownies. Peter Keleghan and Ellen David also star in "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." 8 PM on CBXT



Star surgery

Star Jones underwent cardiac surgery Wednesday, which was related to a rarely-performed surgery she had three decades ago after developing a thoracic tumor, people.com reports. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Proof is in the pudding

OR, IN THIS CASE, THE LEVELS OF PROPOFOL IN HIS BLOOD Dr. Conrad Murray failed to tell paramedics he had given Michael Jackson Propofol, femalefirst.co.uk is alleging.

Documents from the official ambulance report, which was filled out by medics on the June 25 last year — the day the pop star died from cardiac arrest, caused by "acute Propofol intoxication" — have been released, and state that Jackson's personal physician didn't mention he administered the anaesthetic shortly before his passing.

A family friend told the News of the World newspaper: "This is the clearest suggestion yet that Murray misled the paramedics.

"Why didn't he tell them about the Propofol? We are sick at what this report indicates."

Murray was charged with involuntary manslaughter over the late singer's death earlier this year.

He has pleaded not guilty.

The notes written by the paramedics state they quizzed Murray about what medications Jackson was on.

However, Murray told them the late King of Pop had only taken the sedative Lorazepam and fluids to rehydrate him after he complained of being exhausted following a sleepless night.

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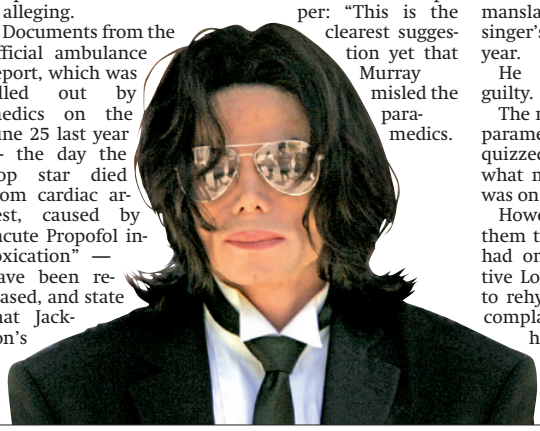

Going gaga over lawsuits

AND COO-COO OVER CONTRACTS Lady Gaga is responding to a $30 million US lawsuit from ex-producer Rob Fusari with a suit of her own, according to the New York Daily News.

Fusari claims he came up with the singer's name and persona and co-wrote many of her hit songs.

Gaga's lawyers counter that the contract between them was invalid because Fusari was not a licensed talent agent, and they say his actions were "predatory and financially abusive."

Fusari's lawyer calls the new suit ludicrous.

"Rob was no more of an 'agent' for her than she is a Roman Catholic nun," he tells the newspaper.

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A Lohan lock out?

THE HIGHER THEY COME, THE HARDER THEY FALL Lindsay Lohan's efforts for a BBC documentary may end up getting her banned from India, according to the Daily Mail. By Tweeting about her work on the production, she alerted Indian officials to the fact that she was working in the country while there on a tourist visa.

Sources say she could be barred from entering the country in the future, according to the newspaper.

She's also been having trouble entering L.A. nightclubs; Lohan was left waiting outside new hotspot Trousdale recently, which prompted her to post on Twitter: "I've never been treated so poorly in my life."

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GETTY IMAGES

Another name, another pill

RAMPANT PLASTIC SURGERIES, WEIGHT-GAIN OBSESSIONS, PREVALENT PILL POPPING ... LIVING IN L.A. — IT'S WHAT EVERY LITTLE GIRL DREAMS OF More details are coming to light about the extent of Brittany Murphy's prescription drug intake.

Murphy was receiving 200 pills a month from a Los Angeles pharmacy, including prescriptions for painkiller Vicodin and anti-anxiety drug Klonopin, according to TMZ.

Some months, twice that amount would be delivered to Murphy, who had the medication prescribed to an alias, "Lola Manilow Murphy."

The owner of the pharmacy claims they cut Murphy off four months before her death because "we thought there was going to be an accident there," according to the website.

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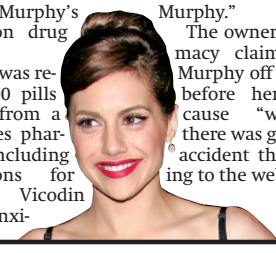

Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

CONAN O'BRIEN celebrates small victories, **JUSTIN BIEBER** isn't giving up that easily, **TYRA BANKS** is tired, and **NATHAN FILLION** is offering himself as an alternative.

@ConanOBrien
Sweet victory! I'm now trending higher than my twitter nemesis, Justin Bieber. Who's the tween heartthrob now?

@justinbieber
@conanobrien ur chess moves r savvy...but in the end I will take your queen...it's begun my friend...oh it has begun (evil laugh place here)

@tyrabanks
My butt was awake til past 4am last night and now I can hardly keep my eyes open. Smizing is nearly impossible right now.

@NathanFillion
Dear Sandra Bulloch, I am currently single, and terribly loyal. When you're ready. Nathanhappier place.

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It's not me, it's you

THE INDUSTRY HAS UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS? YOU DON'T SAY Kirstie Alley remembers auditioning for Fatal Attraction and being told she was overweight, according to Popeater. "When I went in to meet with Adrian Lyne, I weighed about 125. He told me to go home, lose at least 10 pounds and he wanted to see me in two weeks. I got down to 114," she says, though she still didn't get the role.

"The industry is psychotic."

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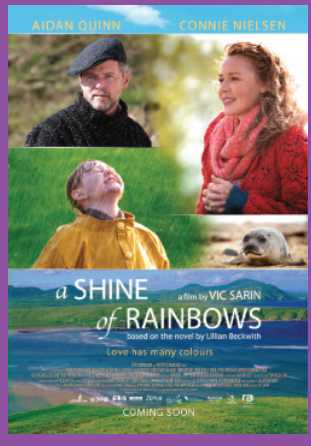
YOU COULD WIN
PASSES TO THE ADVANCE SCREENING OF A SHINE OF RAINBOWS!



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Jesse James the Outlaw

OK, NOT REALLY, BUT HE DID STEAL SANDRA'S HEART AND THEN BREAK IT INTO TINY LITTLE PIECES Jesse James released a statement late last week apologizing to Sandra Bullock while also calling most of the allegations of his infidelity "untrue and unfounded."

He went on to say, "There is only one person to blame for this whole situation, and that is me ... This has caused my wife and kids pain and embarrassment beyond comprehension and I am extremely saddened to have brought this on them."

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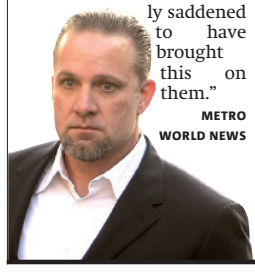


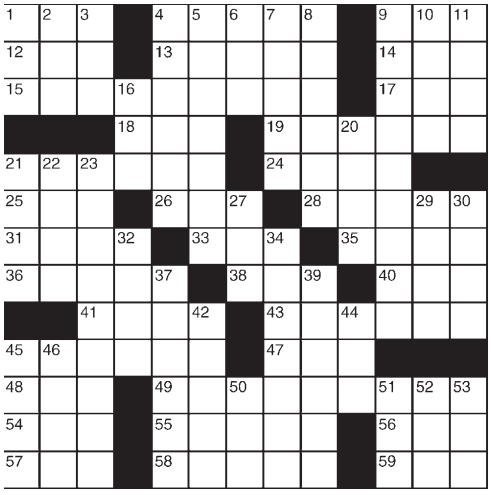
OFF THE RECORD
1982: "THE LADY IN MY LIFE", "BILLIE JEAN"
Watch JEOPARDY! tonight at 7:30 for the answer.
Following Wheel of Fortune at 7pm
Friday's answer: Who is Vince Vaughn.
CBC

Today Flurries 0 C / -6 C
Tuesday Flurries 2 C / -6 C
Wednesday Flurries 1 C / -7 C

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host – Breakfast Television
"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes." WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.

Take Five



ACROSS
1 Switch position
4 Big name in early 1900s newsreels
9 Secret agent
12 Chum
13 "Ghosts" playwright
14 Sine — non
15 Wastes
17 Baseball arbiter
18 Brazilian city, familiarly
19 Upper-arm muscles
21 Standard usage
24 — gin fizz
25 Lawyer's abbr.
26 Fresh
28 Symbol of America
31 God (Latin)
33 "To be or — ..."
35 Abound
36 Figure of speech
38 Charlotte's creation
40 Water (Fr.)
41 Fox series about high school singers
43 Necklace features
45 Conestogas, e.g.
47 Cadence call syllable
48 Under the weather
49 Oak denizens
54 Payable
55 Good doctor
56 Pomeranian's perch, perhaps
57 Type squares
58 "Give me liberty ..." speaker
59 Biz deg.

DOWN
1 Chances, for short
2 Oft-read Web page
3 Winter ailment
4 Wing
5 Tummy
6 Mao — -tung
7 KFC additives
8 Store grain
9 Window wipers
10 Shoe style
11 Shrill barks
16 Illustrations
20 Outer attire
21 100 pesewas, in Ghana
22 Secondhand
23 Curlicues
27 "Holy mackerel!"
29 Jump
30 Ostriches' kin
32 Unaccompanied
34 More computer savvy
37 Honorable guy
39 Unclear
42 Suffix akin to "-ish"
44 Spring mo.
45 Broad
46 Astringent
50 Coffee vessel
51 Shade provider
52 Science workshop
53 Hot tub

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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	5		9		7		4	
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		3	4		2	8		
5								7
		2	1		5	6		
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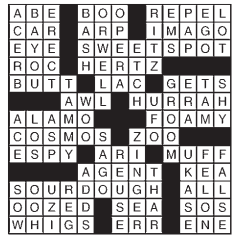
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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1	7	2	9	8	4	5	6	3
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2	3	8	1	4	9	6	5	7
7	9	1	5	6	2	3	8	4
4	2	7	6	9	1	8	3	5
3	8	6	4	2	5	9	7	1
5	1	9	8	7	3	2	4	6

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Beef Salad

INGREDIENTS:
1/2 tsp salt
1 small red onion, halved and thinly sliced
100 g radishes, sliced
1 thick-cut lean rump steak, trimmed of fat
1 tbsp olive oil
1/4 tsp dried mixed herbs
2 tbsp walnut oil
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
4 celery stalks, sliced on diagonal
125 g bag of mixed lettuce leaves

METHOD:
1. Stir salt into bowl of cold water until dissolved. Add onion and radish slices and leave to soak while cooking steak.

2. Heat nonstick frying pan until hot. Pat steak dry with paper towel. Rub steak on both sides with 2 tsp of olive oil, then season with herbs and some black pepper. Cook steak for 2 1/2–3 1/2 minutes per side. Transfer steak to board and leave to rest.

3. Whisk remaining olive oil, walnut oil and vinegar together. Cut steak into slices about 1/4 in. thick. Pour collected juices into dressing.

4. Drain onion and radishes well, put into large bowl; add dressing with celery and beef. Gently toss. Divide salad among four plates, then spoon over beef mixture. Serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Choose an approach and stick with it. If you muddle up your options the outcome will be confused, but if you act decisively you will get results.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21
Make a detailed plan for the week ahead. Set yourself targets that are difficult but not impossible. You need to be challenged.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21
Do something daring today the more others tell you to take it easy the more you will do the opposite. And why not? Excitement is your middle name.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22
The harder you push yourself the more you will achieve. This is not the right time to take things easy. This is not the right time for a rest.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23
Make something old look new again today. It is part of your skill to make even the most jaded of things look fresh, and that applies to relationships.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you ask the same old questions you will, inevitably, get the same old answers. You need to adopt a more adventurous approach today.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23
Trying to conform to the way other people would like you to be is a pointless exercise. Be yourself if you want to be happy.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22
It may seem as if every negative event is in some way personal but that's highly unlikely. Sometimes you can be too touchy for your own good.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21
You are in one of your get organized moods today and you know from experience it won't last long, so make use of it while you can.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20
You still seem to be worrying that you are not quite good enough to compete at the highest level. That's rubbish. You are better than your rivals.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18
If you have been thinking about travelling abroad or maybe even moving from your present environment, now is the time to get serious about it.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20
Start the week in a positive frame of mind. The world is what you make of it. Imagine everything is perfect — and it will be.

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This day in history

1894: The first playoff game for the Stanley Cup starts.
1916: The last Emperor of China, Yuan Shikai, abdicates the throne and the Republic of China is restored.
1923: The first radio broadcast of ice hockey is made by Foster Hewitt.
1933: U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signs into law a bill legalizing the sale of beer and wine. Prohibition would end nine months later.
1993: The Intel Corporation ships the first Pentium chips (80586), featuring a 60 MHz clock speed, 100+ MIPS, and a 64 bit data path.

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Introducing 16 apps that need no introduction.

Nike Master Control
Free • Looking to improve your soccer skills this year? This elite Nike training app features instructional videos from FC Barcelona coaches. Get tips on ball control, see drills the pros use and even learn some of their signature moves.

Maclean's
Free • The only national news magazine now fits in your pocket. Read selected articles, opinions and blogs, and get the Maclean's perspective on all the issues facing the country.

CBC Hockey
Free • The home of hockey brings you live box scores for the whole NHL schedule, as well as standings and stats for every team and player. Now you can always be on top of your game.

Avis
Free • Get the car you want, when you want it from the car rental service that "tries harder." Easily check real-time availability, make on-the-fly reservations and enjoy access to special rates.

Disney
Free • The largest and most loved entertainment company in the world brings you games, videos, a radio station and more. You can even create a photo of yourself with favourite characters from the Disney movies.

Air Canada
Free • The country's largest airline, at your fingertips. Receive notifications about any changes to your flight, check in and choose your seats – all before you get to the airport.

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LEGO
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The North Face
Free • Before you hit the slopes, pocket this comprehensive resort guide from The North Face. Get trail maps, forecasts, check current snow conditions – from St. Anton to Zermatt.

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Free • Want to know what colours suit your skin tone, or how to apply the perfect lipstick? It's all here on your iPhone. Just tap for make-up tips, skincare information and video demonstrations.

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Free • Put the world's top online marketplace on your iPhone. Search for new stuff and place that last-minute bid even when you're nowhere near your computer.

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Facebook
Free • If you love Facebook, you'll love having it on your iPhone, where you can check status updates, post comments, tag photos and upload videos when you're out and about.

BMW
Free • Now you can have the BMW experience at your fingertips. Watch a regularly updated collection of videos from prototypes to classic designs, engineering to motor sport.

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